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- Mental recrientation was the first step in consolidating Communist power in China.

 Union meetings, held frequently, are used to instruct, to indoctrinate, and to observe the progress of members. Reports are made of progress in studies, in channeling thoughts in the right direction, and in willingness to do menial tasks. Frank and honest confessions about one's shortcomings and weaknesses are encouraged. There is a lot of participation in the meetings by those in attendance. Persons are encouraged to speak out.
 - 2 Self-salvation is a concept upon which much stress is laid. It can be achieved by confession and repentance, and action. Action in doing all kinds of jobs, no matter how menial or base.
 - 3 When the Regime conquered a new area in China, the first step was to arrest all conspicuous persons; that is, men of means, leaders, Christians, people who had Western or foreign connections of one sort or another, all people whose names were turned in to the Party and all persons previously earmarked by the advance Communist agents.
 - 4 This is the general picture and it varies in different cases. For instance, in Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, Peiping and Nanking, the large populations and international aspect of these cities have forced the Communists to move very slowly.
 - 5 The persons arrested are terrorized for weeks. Then they have to write two reports about themselves: the self Honest Report (Tzi-Pei-Hsu) and the ruthless Honest Report (Tan-Pei-Hsu) according to a fixed form. The former is more or less an autobiography, birthplace, parents, age, education, employment record, etc. In the latter report one must tell of training received in spying, spying assignments, and spies known, thoughts on one's arrest then and now, and finally conclusions.



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- 6 Conclusions include self-criticism, self-redemption, and resolutions on how one is going to lead a new life. People are urged to report all they know, report thoroughly, honest confessors are forgiven, leniency is only for the honest confessors. Communist agents among the prisoners, posing as prisoners themselves act as decoys in getting people to be utterly frank and honest about themselves. From time to time these decoys are set free as a result of their making honest confessions about themselves.

 Trials amount to cross-examination in private before judges.
- The Self Honest Reports and the Ruthless Honest Reports are handled as follows:
 The judges are chosen from high school or college students or people with some education. Each judge has a certain number of prisoners assigned to him, and their self reports are given to him. The prisoner never knows the charges against him. All persons, connections, former friends and colleagues and associates, whether actually named in the report or who can be found out by the judge through a process of reasoning and deduction from information in the report, are contacted. Their testimony is cross-checked with the report. Groups of judges meet frequently and exchange notes and cross-check reports by the prisoners. If the reports are dishonest, the prisoner is told to re-write it. This is done again and again. The truth is finally sifted out. If a prisoner's confession and repentance finally roughly coincides with the charges, and if, after cold calculation, the judges decide he will be a true Communist and will definitely be useful to the regime, then the prisoner is released on probation and finally freed. Prisoners, who fail to meet these requirements after much self-examination, re-writing, and cross-checking, are finally killed.
- A sincere effort is made by the authorities to verify charges. If they are proven false after careful investigation, the prisoner is cleared of the charge. The position is taken, however, all prisoners are guilty until proven innocent. If it is impossible to disprove any charge through lack of information, witnesses, or cross-check sources, then the prisoner is not cleared and is killed.
- 9 Let us take an example of a rich farmer. He owned some property. This is a crime that must be expiated. If he confesses all in his report, his confession verified, and after long indoctrination, he is thoroughly reformed, then the land is taken away and distributed. The man is now penniless (if he succeeded in avoiding being killed). He must now show by actions (performing base tasks) that he has reformed. He has to be approved by the Union if he is to find a job. He is a propertyless one now. The Union checks his record with the Party; if it approves, he gets a job, and is now a citizen of the State.
- During the time when trials are being held, the learning groups are ordered to conduct detailed discussions on the books of study in accordance with elaborate sets of questionnaires and syllabuses prepared by the Self Salvation Association. These books are The New Democracy, by Mao Tse-Tung; New Philosophy of Life by a Chinese Communist professor; The Life of Mao Tse-Tung, and many other books merely entitled Directions of Thinking.
- 11 After basic materials are digested, study groups in the Union are given materials on current events, always carefully prepared to serve the Communists' purpose. At present the young are being whipped into a patriotic fervor by the line that the US is preparing to invade China.

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